



MICHIGAN AIR NATIONAL GUARD
HEADQUARTERS 127TH WING (ACC)
SELFRIDGE ANG BASE, MICHIGAN

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On 17 April 2013, it was discovered that processes and procedures within the 127th Force Support Squadron Identification Card section may have compromised personally identifiable information of individuals issued Common Access Cards by this office in the period of 2004-2012. The compromised information is the name, social security number, and date of birth.

The discovery was reported to the National Guard Bureau on 18 April 2013 and subsequently to Department of Defense Privacy Office officials. There will be an investigation to be conducted of the situation to determine the circumstances around the loss of accountability for this information. At this time, we have found no evidence to indicate that the compromised information has been used in a malicious manner; however I cannot confirm with certainty that this may or may not occur. Consequently, it is Department of Defense and Air Force policy to notify individuals that they may be at risk.

Considering the possibility of misuse, I believe you should make every effort to protect yourself against the potential that someone might use your information to steal your identity. To assist you in this endeavor, I'm recommending the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) website at <http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/topics/repairing-identity-theft>. The FTC urges that you immediately place an initial fraud alert in your credit file if you believe your information may be used for an unlawful purpose. The fraud alert duration is 90 days, during which time creditors are required to contact you before changes are made to your account and before new credit cards can be issued. The site also provides other valuable information that can be used now or in the future if problems should develop.

The 127th Wing takes this loss very seriously and is reviewing its current policies and practices with a view of determining what must be changed to preclude a similar occurrence in the future. At a minimum, we will be providing additional training to personnel to ensure that they understand that personally identifiable information must at all times be treated in a manner that preserves and protects the confidentiality of the data.

I deeply regret and sincerely apologize for any inconvenience and concern this has caused you.

Should you have any questions, please contact SSgt Moore at 127wg.csscxkomb@ang.af.mil, or call (586) 239-4588. You may also visit the 127th Wing's website for more information at <http://www.127wg.ang.af.mil/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip R. Sheridan", is written over a large, stylized "S" that spans across the signature line.

PHILIP R. SHERIDAN, Colonel, MI ANG